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In the Specification

Please amend the Title as follows:

~~POLYPHENOL OXIDASE GENES FROM BANANA, LETTUCE, TOBACCO  
AND PINEAPPLE~~

Please replace the abstract on page 45 with the following substitute Abstract:

The present invention provides genetic sequences encoding polyphenol oxidase enzymes of lettuce, banana, tobacco and pineapple plants, and recombinant vectors comprising same, and methods of identifying related sequences using the nucleic acid molecules. The invention further provides methods of modifying PPO expression in plants using the inventive nucleic acid molecules.